

response to this action to one (1) month from the date thereof requiring a response to be filed on or before July 18, 2002.

ADDITIONAL FEES

No additional fees are deemed due herein for filing of this COMMUNICATION. However, if any fees are required for any reason, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

REMARKS

Claims in the Application

Claims 1 through 115 were originally filed in this United States Patent Application. The claim(s) are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 as set forth below.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 and determined that the following distinct inventions were present in this United States Patent Application:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Classification</u>
I	1-45, 74-104, and 112-115	Drawn to a magnetic strip card, classified in Class 235, subclass 493
II	46-73, 105, 106, and 107-111	Drawn to a magnetic strip reading system, classified in Class 235, subclass 449

The undersigned hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-45, 74-104 and 112-115 for prosecution in this Application. This election is made without traverse.

Withdrawn Invention

Group II is withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants do not desire to cancel the claims drawn to the non-elected invention until an allowable claim or claims have been obtained in this Application. At that time, Applicants will consider the inventorship issue set forth in Paragraph 5 of the Office Action dated June 18, 2002.

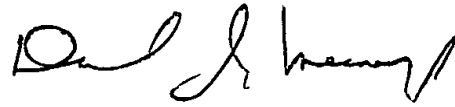
Earlier Filed Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants call to the Examiner's attention that an INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT in accordance with Paragraph (a) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, together with Form PTO-1449 LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT comprising nine (9) sheets and copies of cited art including Foreign cited art other than United States Patents and a Check for \$180 paying the Small Entity Fee for filing the INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT in accordance with Paragraph (a) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 was filed on May 10, 2002 and prior to the first Office Action.

Applicants desire to have the earlier filed INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT considered by the Examiner. In the event that the same has not been placed in the file prior to the

Examiner commencing the prior art search in response to the election set forth above, Applicants have included this Paragraph in this COMMUNICATION to insure that: (i) the Examiner is aware of the earlier filed INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT prior to commencing the prior art search; and (ii) the Examiner will consider the same as cited art.

Respectfully submitted,



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